

Soapbox Prizes Include Clothes, Trips to Akron

Irving Schiff, president of the Boys' Apeal Guild in California, has announced that the winners of the three local Soap Box Derby races will be given clothing ensembles for their trips to Akron for the All-American on Aug. 16.

Included in the award for each winner will be a selection of sport shirts, slacks, belts, jackets and caps. Additional garments may be obtained in the future from other Guild members.

Also in store for the winners will be more than \$5,000 in scholarships to the Auto Mechanics Institute, many trophies and merchandise awards.

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FISHING TROPHY . . . Danny Rickart, 12, holds jar preserving one of 30 baby sharks born in their fishing boat after mother had been gaffed and brought aboard. Other sharks were distributed among scout friends of young fisherman. (Herald photo)

Local Fisherman Boasts of "31 Sharks That Didn't Get Away"

Three baby sharks in a bottle at the Norman Rickart home, 1577 W. 210th St., are all that remain of 31 sharks that "didn't get away" which Mr. Rickart brought home to the missus after a recent fishing trip in the family boat in peaceful Peninsula waters.

Accompanied by his 12-year-old son, Danny, life member of Boy Scout Troop 315, Rickart set out one day last spring in his 16-foot cabin cruiser, supplied with fishing poles and bait to catch the makings of a fish fry.

The pair cast their lines in a pleasant spot near Rocky Point and prepared to enjoy a comfy day of loafin' and fishin' in the calm sunlit surf.

Suddenly Rickart felt a bite on his line. As he was reeling in his catch, it was snatched bodily by a creature in the water, leaving only the head of a dismembered yellowtail dangling on the hook. Angered at "the one that got away," the fisherman changed bait and hook, hurled the line swiftly into the waters, and hooked the culprit, a female shark.

After landing the large mammal, which filled most of the boat, Rickart was about to return to the serious business of fishing, when he noticed unusual movements in the shark that couldn't be attributed to the motion of the waves. Within moments, he discovered he hadn't just landed a shark. Before his eyes Mama Shark introduced her family into the world — 30 strong.

When Rickart and son arrived home that evening, they were not alone. Accompanying them were one dead mama shark and 30 foot-long little sharks.

In a neighborhood where sharks are not everyday house-guests, the fisherman's catch

City Softball Play Begins Final Round

City softball loops resumed play Wednesday evening with a full schedule of action in the Church loop and several other games in the Industrial leagues. Wednesday games pitted the Ryan Aeros against the Coleman Engineering Co. and th Post Office against the Harvey Aluminum

The Ryan Aeros put together a seven-hit effort to defeat the Coleman squad, 5-3, as catcher Bob Clephane homered in the third inning scoring two teammates ahead of him. The Coleman Engineering team had three runs on five hits. Jay Howard picked up the win while Joe Compton was charged with the loss. In the only other Industrial league game, the Post Office downed the Harvey Aluminum Co., 10-5, despite round circuit trips by Don Campbell and Art Duncan of the Harvey nine. Gene Duval hit the only Post Office home run, with two men aboard. Duval was credited with the victory while Clinton Smith picked up the tab for the loss.

Thursday evening action included a full slate in the Church league, which entered the final round of play this week. In the first game, Chuck Little of the Nazarene nine pitched a two-hitter and won the game, 6-3, on the strength of a series of walks and errors by the loser, Gene May and company to score three big runs in the fourth innin. May, of the Evangel Temple squad, issued five walks in a row, sending home two men. Bill Davis later cleared the bases with a two-run homer.

The Lutheran Angels took advantage of a series of base on ball situations and three errors by the Seateria Oddballs to score an 18-6 win over the Oddballs. There were three Lutheran homers, one each by Al Swanson, Gerry Griffin and Phil Scholl, the latter a three-run affair. Griffin was the winner, while Clyde Rosellen was the loser.

Other games played in the Church loop saw the Blvd. Assembly of God keep their record intact by scoring nine runs on nine hits against Mel Nygren and the Rolling Hills Covenant. The Rolling Hills crew scored four runs in an ill-fated effort to make a comeback.

In the final game the First Assembly posted a 26-11 slaughter over the Hope Evangelical nine as the First Assembly batters took advantage of only five hits and eight errors by the losers.

There was only one game scheduled in the Black League, that one an 8-6 victory for the Fire Department "A" team over Al's Knolls Drugs. The Fire Department collected nine hits in the game while the Knolls Drugs nine collected nine but made two errors which proved to be fatal. Jim Wass of the Fire Department hit a round tripper which scored one man ahead of him.

CITY SOFTBALL STANDINGS Open League

| Team | W | L |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Lovelady Hardware | 8 | 1 |
| Marine Clerks | 8 | 1 |
| Redondo LDS | 5 | 4 |
| R. C. Dyer | 4 | 5 |
| Vickers | 2 | 7 |
| Aeros | 0 | 9 |

Black Slo-Pitch League

| Team | W | L |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Local No. 1135 | 7 | 1 |
| Columbia ERA | 5 | 3 |
| Fire Dept. "A" | 5 | 3 |
| Christian Men | 4 | 4 |
| Al's Knolls Drugs | 3 | 5 |
| N. T. Lions | 0 | 8 |

Blue Slo-Pitch League

| Team | W | L |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Elks Club | 7 | 1 |
| Fire Dept. "B" | 6 | 2 |
| Kenny's Shoe Repair | 5 | 3 |
| Redondo Post Office | 4 | 4 |
| Inglewood Farms | 2 | 6 |
| Porks | 1 | 7 |

proved most popular. Neighborhood children provided buggy rides in toy wagons to the deceased mother shark and proudly took home her dead offspring as souvenirs. Three of the little sea creatures remained, to be bottled by he Rickarts. After a tour of the neighborhood, wagon-style, their prize catch was returned home, where a proper burial took place. It's been almost three months since Rickart caught the "31 that didn't get away," but every now and then people still drop by to see the bottle of three baby sharks that were born in a boat off the peninsula one sunny day.



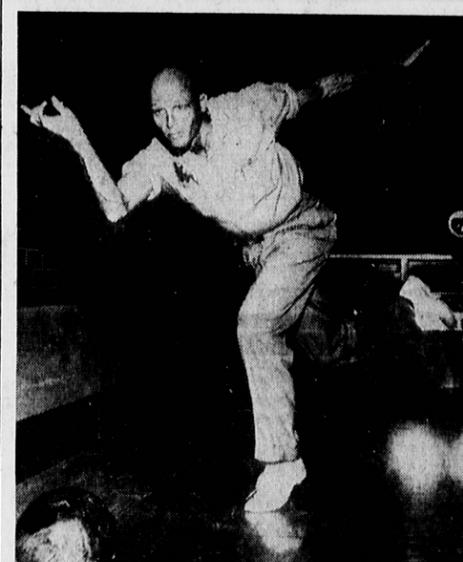
SOLID HIT . . . Stewart Johnson clouts out a single for Al's Knolls Drugs in early inning of Black Slo-Pitch softball game against Fire Dept. A at Torrance Park Thursday night. Firemen beat Druggists, 8-6. Catcher is Sam Martin. (Herald photo)

Little League

High scores and a couple of home runs headlined the play in the Lomita Little loop last week as the league moved into the final half of the season. The Yankees, in true championship style, defeated the Tigers by a margin of 12-1 on Monday afternoon while the Stars fell victim to the same Yankees on Wednesday, 8-5. Friday the Indians posted another victory over the Tigers, 12-11 in a game which saw wto Tigers round the bases, Tommy Martinez in the first frame and Glynn Gordon in the third.

Sunday afternoon the Indians defeated the Stars, 8-6. The only homer came in the third inning when Philip Hines of the Indians connected with the big stick and made the circuit.

The minor league action concluded its first round last week with the Solons defeating the Seals, 20-9, in a wild scoring contest. The Dodgers poster a victory over the Beavers, 12-7. A double bill on Saturday produced wins for the Anges, 24-14, over the Padres and the Solons over the Beavers, 9-8, in the only close game of the week. To conclude the week, the Padres posted a grand victory over the Seals 28-8. There was only one home run, hit by Chris Tsuji of the Padres with two men on board.



KEGLER INJURED . . . Tom Box, Douglas Aircraft photographer, is out of North Torrance Lions Club bowling competition after a head-on auto crash during recent trip to White Sands Proving Grounds. Box attributes escape from serious injuries to safety belt.

Esabs in 38-1 Win in Girls' Softball Play

What was probably the most one-sided game ever played in the Girls' Softball League took place Tuesday night at McMaster Park. The Esabs defeated the Teens, 38 to 1. The winners started off by scoring 12 runs in the first inning, and from then on it was no contest. It was the pitcher, Judy Clements, who enjoyed the night at the plate. All July did was bang out 2 singles, one double, and THREE home runs in seven trips to the plate. She gave up only 3 hits. The losing pitcher was Mae Denton.

The second game was a bit closer, with the Mishaps coming out ahead of the Pythons, 27 to 23. Up until the top of the fourth inning, the Pythons were leading. But then the Mishaps scored 12 runs to go ahead, 27 to 21. The Pythons could score only two runs in their half of the fourth. The winning pitcher was Aggie Easchief and the defeat was charged to Sally Wenker.

The two games played Thursday night at Walteria Park developed into one close one and one quite lopsided. The Pythons handed the Spartettes their third straight loss, 23-6. Most of this was accomplished on walks and errors. The losing pitcher, Judy Benson, gave

A trailing Dodger team made a strong sixth inning comeback against the Wilson Braves at Southwood's Tibben Field to score a 5-4 victory at the expense of the Braves. The Dodgers scored two runs in the fourth and came back with 3 more in the sixth to score the win.

up 10 hits as compared to five given up by the winning pitcher, Sally Wenker.

The big game of the week was the one between the Vandals and the Challengers. At the end of the game the Vandals had defeated the Challengers, 7-4 behind the five hit pitching of Dot Nelson. At the end of three innings the Challengers led, 3-2, but the Vandals came back in their half of the fourth to score three runs and take the lead 6-4. They added one more at the bottom of the fifth and the Challengers were set down in order in the top of the sixth. The leading batter for the Vandals was the shortstop, Annette Hamilton who hit two singles in three times at bat. Not one extra base hit was made by either team, although the Vandals collected a total of eight singles. The winning pitcher was Dot Nelson, and Kathy Reed was charged with her first loss of the season.

Standings:

| Team | W | L |
|-------------|---|---|
| Esabs | 3 | 0 |
| Vandals | 2 | 1 |
| Challengers | 2 | 1 |
| Pythons | 2 | 2 |
| Mishaps | 1 | 0 |
| Teens | 0 | 3 |
| Spartettes | 0 | 3 |

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